

The Government of the Republic of Croatia Croatian Prime Minister Mr. Andrej Plenković Trg svetog Marka 2 10000 Zagreb Croatia

Paris, April 15th, 2019,

Subject: Letter of support to kino Europa, Zagreb, copy to City of Zagreb, Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia, City assembly of the City of Zagreb

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We deeply regret that the very existence of the Kino Europa is threatened in its tenth year as a Europa Cinemas member, though fully functioning and highly successful! We believe that Kino Europa fully deserves support from its tutelary institutions.

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Thank you for your kind attention.

Claude-Eric Poiroux

Yours Sincerely,

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City assembly of the city of Zagreb President of the City assembly Mr. Andrija Mikulić Ulica sv. Ćirila i Metoda 5 10000 Zagreb Croatia

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Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia Minister of Culture Mrs. Nina Obuljen Koržinek Runjaninova 2 10 000 Zagreb Croatia

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